Religious and Charitable Endowments.

The operation of the Religious Endowments Act to certain temples or mutts.

* 378 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the operations of the Religious Endowments Act have been extended to Buddhist, Theosophists, Arya Samaj and Brahmo Samaj temples or mutts or places of religious worship?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I therefore take it that members belonging to Buddhist, Theosophical, Arya Samaj and Brahmo Samaj temples do not embrace Hinduism?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"It is a very difficult question to answer; but in a sense some of them form subdivisions of the Hindu religion."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"Is that the legal opinion given?"

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Theosophists are not a subsect of the Hindus?"

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"A superseet of the Hindus?"

Public Service.

Committee to enquire into the grievances of unpassed men in service.

* 379 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken action in the matter of appointment of a committee to enquire into the grievances of unpassed men already in permanent service and affected by G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925, with reference to the resolution moved by Mr. J. A. Saldanha, M.L.C., and carried out by this Council in the meeting held on 1st April 1925; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the papers on the table of this Council relating to the constitution of the said committee?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 225.

Memorials from non-gazetted subordinates.

* 380 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorials from the non-gazetted subordinates of all departments other than Posts and Telegraphs from Salem, Malabar and South Kanara districts;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to state what orders have been passed thereon; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the posts of peons have been brought under time-scale of pay?